

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
STATE OF NEBRASKA

Nikole Sander
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509

Case No. 09043

Complainant,

vs.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Ray Bentzen
1625 Boyd Street
Ashland, NE 68003


Respondent.



In accordance with Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 28, Section 003.08
(effective date: December 25, 1989), the Respondent, Ray Bentzen, being duly sworn, states:

1. The Respondent, Ray Bentzen, holds a public Nebraska standard administrative certificate number XXX-XX-9840, endorsed as Principal 7-12, History 7-12, and English 7-12, with an expiration date of August 31, 2010.
2. The Respondent, upon execution of this document, expressly waives any and all rights Respondent possesses under Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-859 through 79-871, Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapters 27, 28, and 29, and Title 95, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapters 1 and 2 regarding the revocation and reinstatement of the certificates outlined in paragraph (1) above.
3. The Respondent acknowledges that this voluntary surrender will be treated as an indefinite revocation for purposes of publicity and reinstatement of the certificate presently held by the Respondent as outlined in paragraph (1) above.
4. The Respondent admits that a Complaint was filed against him on September 14, 2009, alleging that the Respondent embezzled funds of the athletic conference bank account of which the Respondent had control and responsibility. The Respondent, by executing this document, does not contest that such conduct would violate Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 79-866(2) (Reissue 2003) which states: "The board may, for just cause, revoke or suspend any teacher's or administrator's certificate. Violation of the standards established pursuant to this section, commission of an immoral act, or conviction of a felony under the laws of this state shall constitute just cause for the revocation or suspension of a teacher's or administrator's certificate by the board"; and Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 27, Section 004.04E (same effective date) which states, "the educator: Shall not commit any act of moral turpitude or any felony under the laws of the United States or any state or territory, and shall not have a misdemeanor conviction involving abuse, neglect, or sexual misconduct as defined in Sections 003.12 through 003.14 of 92 NAC 21."


5. The Respondent executes this document knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently with understanding of his rights in this matter. The Respondent further acknowledges that the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education, the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, or anyone connected with the State Department of Education has not made any offers, promises, threats, or inducements to the Respondent to persuade the Respondent to execute this voluntary surrender.



Ray Bentzen

State of Nebraska)
) ss.
County of Sarver)

The foregoing document was acknowledged before me this ^{4th} 29 day of September 2009 by Ray Bentzen.



Notary Public

